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Filed: December 28, 1999	) Examiner ) Graham, Andrew R.
For: PICKUP APPARATUS OF PIANO	
Attorney Docket No. TESJ.0014	<b>'</b>

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

**LETTER** 

Sir:

The below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

# (x) Confirmation And Summary Of Examiner Interviews

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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### **CONFIRMATION AND SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEWS**

Sir:

This is to confirm the Examiner's Interview Summary Record of the telephone interviews conducted by Applicant's representatives with the Examiner on the above-referenced application. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for his consideration during the October 5, 2005 and October 11, 2005 telephone interviews.

#### **Interview Summary**

During those interviews, Applicant's representatives presented various proposed amendments to at least claim 1 directed to clarifying the structure and features of the present invention, and to distinguishing the invention from the prior art of record.

At the October 5, 2005 interview, though agreement was not reached, Applicant distinguished various references pointed out by the Examiner, which the Examiner kindly took into consideration. However, the Examiner determined that the language in claim 1 was still not sufficient to fully overcome the prior art.

During the October 11, 2005 discussion, further amendments to claim 1 were proposed, which the Examiner kindly found to be distinguishable over the prior art, but which would require further consideration and searching if and when officially filed in view of the final rejection status of the above-referenced application.

# Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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